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HONOLULU EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT CITY & COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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Honolulu Emergency Services Department cautions public to stay off the roadways and out of the ocean during the storm

Honolulu — The City & County of Honolulu Emergency Services Department's Emergency Medical Services and Ocean Safety & Lifeguard Services divisions are issuing public safety reminders prior to Iselle and Julio making landfall.

EMS:

- **Use 911 for emergencies only: chest pain, breathing problems, altered mental status, severe hemorrhaging, massive trauma, and imminent childbirth**
- **Do not wait to call 911, call early**
- **Refrain from calling 911 for ambulance transports to shelters; EMS will not be utilized for this type of service**
- **Keep all medications organized and labeled**
- **Have a generator for ventilators**
- **Stay indoors and off the roadways**
- **Do not jeopardize your safety and the first responders safety**

Ocean Safety

- **If in doubt, don't go out! High surf causes strong currents which can make returning to shore extremely difficult**
- **Check www.hawaiibeachsafety.com for current beach hazard levels, beaches where lifeguard service is available, and any beach park closures that may be in effect during this tropical storm event**
- **Wet sand or rock ledges means the waves are sweeping the area, don't get swept away into the heavy surf or a churning ocean**
- **High winds and heavy rains associated with tropical storms means put away the kayaks, canoes, and SUP's**
- **Heavy rains may lead to brown water advisories**
- **Do not risk your life and the lives of others by making foolish decisions**

According to weather forecasters during the height of the storm, surf is expected to increase to 10 to 15 feet on east facing shores with winds expected to reach 50 mph.